requiring all courts not to allow more than 24 per cent interest in all such cases.

(2) Labbe merchants may be ordered to levy only a reasonable rate of interest on sums lent by them, as their present rate is ruinous and prohibitive.

Mr. Nadig Guru Rao, speaking on the representation, requested that foreigners trading in Mysore should not be allowed to lend money at usurious rates of interest to the people of Mysore.

Reply of Government.—The amendment of Section 74 of the Contract Act in accordance with the amendment adopted in British India is under consideration. We cannot go further and regulate the term of contract.

SUBJECT No. 52.

The Central Nazarath.

(1) and (2) Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Nagar Sabha; and K. Shankaranarayana Rao, Shimoga Municipality.
(1) Messrs. V. Raghavachar and Syed Mohadeen Sab, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The Central Nazarath System has had a long trial and has not been found to work satisfactorily. The two or three courts whose processes are served by the Nazarath have no control over it. The hard and fast rule of prescribing fixed periods for serving processes in different localities makes the working altogether mechanical and leaves no room for the early posting of cases. The inconveniences of this system have been repeatedly represented to the Chief Court and Government. The system may be abolished early.

(2) The rule whereby the parties are required to deposit fresh batta, whether the previously paid deposit was spent or not, works hardship on the parties. A certificate may be caused to be attached on each process whether the batta has been actually spent or not. If it is known when the case is taken up that the batta was not spent, the party will simply pay the process fee and request that the unspent batta may be utilised.

Reply of Government.—It has been decided that the Process Establishment at Bangalore, Mysore and Shimoga, should be handed over to the munsiffs at these stations. Revised Process Rules consequent on this change are under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 53.

Service of sale notifications.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—In many instances properties are sold in civil courts without the knowledge of the judgment-debtors. Such persons will have no opportunity to take the aid of the provisions of Section 310A of the Civil Procedure Code It is therefore prayed that the Chief Court may be requested to include a rule directing a copy of the sale notification to be served on the judgment-debtors under the new Civil Procedure Code.

Messrs. C. Krishnamurti of the Bangalore Law Association, and S. R. Balakrishna Rao of the Nagar Sabha also spoke in favour of the representation.